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1. WITH REGARD TO AHG REQUEST FOR NAC GUIDANCE ON HOW TO
DEAL WITH ANOMALIES IN PRESENT WESTERN CATEGORIZATIONS OF
MILITARY MANPOWER (PARA 8, REFTTEL C) AND ON CLARIFICATION
OF THE WESTERN POSITION ON THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS OF
THE SOVIET TANK ARMY OTHER THAN MAIN BATTLE TANKS (PARA 12,
REFTTEL C), WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES IN

THE SPC FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. WITH REGARD TO PACT AIR FORCE DATA (PARA 6, REFTEL D)
US IS PREPARING US INPUT IN TWO MODES (WESTERN AND EASTERN
ALLOCATION SCHEMES) TO BE PROVIDED THE STAFF GROUP IN 2 OR
3 WEEKS. WE NOTE THAT PARA 18 OF REF B CONFIRMS THAT
MCM-86 UPDATE DISCUSSIONS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED IN THE
FALL, THEREFORE THE SECOND WAY TO DEVELOP NATO-AGREED PACT
AIR DATA AS SUGGESTED BY THE STAFF GROUP (PARA 6, REFTEL D)
IS NOT FEASIBLE.

3. IN THE EVENT AIR MANPOWER DISAGGREGATION IS REQUIRED
BELOW THE MAJOR COMBAT TOTAL, IT WILL BE DESIRABLE THAT
DISAGGREGATED DATA SHOWS THAT NATO PARTICIPANTS USED
CONSISTENT COUNTING RULES WHEN ALLOCATING SPECIFIED AIR
ELEMENTS TO THE "MAJOR AIR FORMATIONS" CATEGORY. IT IS,
THEREFORE, NOT THE NUMERICAL TOTALS WE ARE CONCERNED WITH,
BUT THAT A COMPATIBILITY OR STANDARDIZATION OF NATO COUNTING
RULES WAS USED TO DEVELOP THESE NUMBERS.

4. IF THE STAFF GROUP IS SATISFIED THAT THE COMPONENTS AND
RELATED FIGURES FOR THE AIR MANPOWER OF ALL NATIONS ARE
COMPATIBLE AND WILL STAND THE SCRUTINY OF EASTERN QUESTIONING
YOU MAY ACCEPT ANNEX II OF THE DATA GUIDANCE TO THE AHG IN
ITS CURRENT FORM BY SILENCE PROCEDURE WITHOUT CHANGING
PARA 4 AND WITHOUT REQUESTING FURTHER NATIONAL INPUTS OF
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